


		NTSB ID: ERA09WA066		Aircraft Registration Number: HR-AUC	
		Occurrence Date: 10/01/2008		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: Foreign	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Yoro	State	Zip Code	Local Time 1220	Time Zone CST	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility:			
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer ROBINSON		Model/Series R44		Type of Aircraft Helicopter	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight:			Air Medical Transport Flight:		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On October 1, 2008, about 1220 central standard time, a Robinson R44, Honduran registration HR-AUC, was substantially damaged during a takeoff attempt near Yoro, Honduras. The Honduran certificated private pilot was seriously injured and three passengers incurred minor injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, intended for La Mesa International Airport (MHLN), near San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The flight was operating under Honduran flight regulations.</p> <p>According to Honduran authorities, the helicopter was taking off from a confined mountainous area, at an altitude of 2,950 feet. About 50 feet above the ground, the main rotor blades brushed against a pine tree, and the helicopter experienced a loss of rotor rpm. The helicopter then descended, impacted uneven terrain on the side of the mountain, and rolled over.</p> <p>The accident investigation is under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Honduras. Further information may be obtained from:</p> <p>Republica de Honduras Secretaria de Obras Publicas, Transporte, y Vivienda Direccion General de Aeronautica Civil Apartado Postal 30145 Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., Honduras Tel: (504) 233-3683</p> <p>This report is for informational purposes only, and only contains information released by the Republic of Honduras. Updated on Jun 26 2009 8:53AM</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used N/A	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Approach/Arrival Flown: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: None					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer ROBINSON		Model/Series R44		Serial Number 11574	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Utility					
Landing Gear Type: Skid					
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats: 4	Certified Max Gross Wt.	2500 LBS	Number of Engines: 1	
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours	Airframe Total Time Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed?/Type	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner Aerocentro de Honduras		Street Address			
		City Tegucigalpa	State	Zip Code	
Operator of Aircraft Aerocentro de Honduras		Street Address			
		City Tegucigalpa	State	Zip Code	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Commercial					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Non-scheduled; Domestic; Passenger Only					
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First Pilot Information									
Name		City		State	Date of Birth	Age			
On File									
Sex: M	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?		Certificate Number: On File					
Certificate(s):									
Airplane Rating(s):									
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:									
Instrument Rating(s):									
Instructor Rating(s):									
Current Biennial Flight Review?									
Medical Cert.:		Medical Cert. Status:		Date of Last Medical Exam:					
- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument Actual Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
Total Time									
Pilot In Command(PIC)									
Instructor									
Instruction Received									
Last 90 Days									
Last 30 Days									
Last 24 Hours									
Seatbelt Used? Unknown		Shoulder Harness Used? Unknown		Toxicology Performed?		Second Pilot? No			
Flight Plan/Itinerary									
Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown									
Departure Point		State		Airport Identifier		Departure Time		Time Zone	
Same as Accident/Incident Location				None		1220		CST	
Destination		State		Airport Identifier					
San Pedro Sula				MHLM					
Type of Clearance: Unknown									
Type of Airspace:									
Weather Information									
Source of Wx Information:									
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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation Ft. MSL	WOF Distance From Accident Site NM	Direction From Accident Site Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling:			Ft. AGL	Visibility:	SM
Temperature: °C			Dew Point: °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	
Wind Direction:		Wind Speed:		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.		Visibility (RVV) SM			
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

Accident Information		
Aircraft Damage: None	Aircraft Fire: None	Aircraft Explosion: None

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL	
First Pilot		1			1	
Second Pilot						
Student Pilot						
Flight Instructor						
Check Pilot						
Flight Engineer						
Cabin Attendants						
Other Crew						
Passengers			3		3	
- TOTAL ABOARD -		1	3		4	
Other Ground						
- GRAND TOTAL -		1	3		4	

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Paul R. Cox

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation: